

## Hunting Season Info.

### Deer – See Deer Application for unit maps

East River Deer - **CLOSED**  
Archery Deer - **CLOSED**  
Muzzleloader Deer - **CLOSED**  
Youth/Mentor Deer - **CLOSED**

\*Legal shooting time is one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

### Waterfowl – Population Index: [Click Here](#)

#### Ducks – See unit map in hunting handbook

Low Plains North - **CLOSED**  
Low Plains Middle - **CLOSED**  
Low Plains South - **CLOSED**

#### Canada Geese – See unit map in hunting handbook

Unit 1 - **CLOSED**  
Unit 2 - Open until February 15

#### Light Geese - **CLOSED**

#### White-fronted Geese - **CLOSED**

\*Legal shooting time is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset

### Pheasant

Statewide - **CLOSED**

### Turkey – See Turkey application for unit map and exceptions

Fall - **CLOSED**  
Spring - April 11 - May 17 except Davison/Hanson & Lincoln counties. **Turkey Apps are available.**

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## Aurora County

**Lynn Geuke**

**Fishing report:** Ice conditions have improved. Use caution.

**Wilmarth Mitchell:** Fishing has been slow.

**Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Nelson Lake:** No report.

**Hunting report:** It's a good time to target coyotes and cottontail rabbits.

## Beadle County

**Chris Kuntz**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions have improved but still use caution. Vehicle travel is not advised.

**James River:** No activity.

**Lake Byron:** No activity.

**Mud Lake:** No activity.

**Cavour Lake:** Minimal activity.

**Ravine:** No activity.

**Hunting Report:** Not much activity observed.

# Bon Homme County

**Todd Crownover**

## Fishing Report

**Missouri River** Ice conditions are not good.

**Lake Henry:** Beware of ice thickness. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Clear Lake:** No report.

**Merkel Lake (Singleton GPA):** No activity.

**West Heritage GPA Pond:** No activity. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Hunting Report:** No activity.

# Brookings County

**Jeff Grendler**

**Fishing Reports:** Ice conditions are marginal. Colder temps have improved ice conditions but caution is advised.

**Lake Sinai:** Fishing has been slow. **Off limits to game fish spearing.**

**West Lake Oakwood:** Slow.

**East Oakwood:** Slow.

**Oak Lake:** No activity.

**Brush Lake:** A few perch biting through the ice. 8-10 inches.

**Lake Poinsett:** A few walleyes and the occasional perch. Fishing has been slow. **Walleye: Minimum Length 15"**

**East 81 ponds:** A few walleyes have been caught 14-16 inches. A few perch have been caught 10-12 inches. **Off limits to game fish spearing.**

**Lake Hendricks:** Slow, little to no activity. **No highgrading of any species.**

**Lake Goldsmith:** Slow little to no activity.

**Lake Campbell:** No activity.

**Dakota Nature Park:** Slow.

**Interstate Lake:** Slow.

**Big Sioux River:** No activity.

**Hunting Report:** There have been some issues between coyote trappers and callers. If you come across a wild animal in a trap you must leave the animal alone. Removing or tampering with a trap or animal in a trap other than your own is illegal. If you have questions whether the traps are being checked please contact your local Conservation Officer.

# Clay County

**Tony Stokely**

## Fishing Report:

**Missouri River:** No activity.

**Vermillion River:** No activity.

**Hunting Report:** Trapping activity has been minimizing with lack of snow.

# Davison County

**Andy Petersen**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions are marginal. Use caution.

**Remember Firesteel Creek is off limits to the taking of any baitfish.**

**Lake Mitchell:** No report. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass & Walleye: Minimum Length 15"**

**James River:** No report.

**Firesteel Creek:** **Off limits to the taking of any baitfish. Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass & Walleye: Minimum Length 15"**

**Hunting Report:** It's a good time to hunt rabbits and predators.

## Hanson County

**Andy Petersen/Matt Talbert**

**Fishing Report:** Always use caution on the ice.

**Lake Hanson:** No report. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Ethan Dam:** No report

**James River:** No report

**Hunting Report:** It's a good time to hunt rabbits and predators.

## Hutchinson County

**Brian Humphrey**

**Fishing:** A few walleyes being caught at Dimock Lake. They are 13-14 inches in length. Most are being caught near the face of the dam.

**Dimock Lake:** No activity. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Hunting:** No activity.

## Jerauld County

**Lynn Geuke**

**Fishing Report:** No report.

**Hunting Report:** Harvesting predators this time of year will help our pheasant population next fall.

## Kingsbury County

**Shane Van Bockern**

**Fishing Reports:** **BEWARE ICE CONDITIONS.**

**Lake Thompson:** Fair for walleye crappie and a few large pike.

**West 81:** Fair for walleye and a few perch. **Off limits to game fish spearing.**

**Lake Whitewood:** Fair-Good for perch.

**Lake Henry:** Slow.

**Lake Albert:** Slow.

**Spirit Lake:** Fair- good for walleye perch and a few pike.

**Lake Preston:** No activity.

**Hunting Report:** No activity.

## Lake County

**Cody Symens**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions are not good. Vehicle travel not advised. Beware of false tops!!

**Lake Madison:** Slow.

**Lake Herman:** Minimal pressure.

**Brant Lake:** Minimal angling pressure. An ATV went through near The Shipwreck.

**Long Lake:** No report.

**Lake Henry:** 8-10" walleyes are most common with the occasional keeper.

**Lake George:** Minimal pressure.

**Hunting Report:** It's a good time to hunt rabbits and predators.

## Lincoln County

**Nate Stukel**

**Fishing Report:**

**Big Sioux:** No activity because of poor ice.

**Lake Alvin:** Poor ice conditions. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Lake Lakota:** Very little activity the past week.

**Nine Mile Creek:** **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Hunting Report:** No activity observed.

## McCook County

**Matt Talbert**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions have gone downhill. Use caution.

**Lake Vermillion:** Minimal activity. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Island Lake:** Minimal activity. **Off limits to game fish spearing.**

**Lehrman Slough:** No fishing activity seen.

**Hunting Report:** Hunters looking for something to do should target predators and rabbits.

## Miner County

**Evan Meyer**

**Fishing Report:** Fishing activity has been slow.

**Carthage Lake:** No activity. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Hunting Report:** There are plenty of coyotes out there, just keep in mind of the regulations such as not using snowmobiles to hunt coyotes.

## Minnehaha County

**Jared Hill**

**Fishing Report:** Ice conditions have been improving. Vehicle travel not advised.

**Beaver Lake:** Minimal activity.

**Scott Slough:** Small perch fair. Otherwise, a few walleye and crappie.

**Island Lake:** A few perch and walleye. **Off limits to game fish spearing.**

**Loss Lake:** Minimal activity.

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**Twin Lakes:** Walleye fair late afternoon and evening. **Walleye: Daily limit 1; Minimum length 28"**

**Family Park:** Little activity.

**Wall Lake:** A few small perch and bluegills.

**Clear Lake:** No reports.

**Diamond Lake:** Small perch fair along with a few small walleye.

**Hunting Report:** It's a good time to predator hunt.

## Moody County

**Chad Williams**

**Fishing Report:**

**Big Sioux River:** No activity.

**Hunting Report:** Coyote hunters are reminded to secure permission before shooting coyotes on private land. Also the use of snowmobiles is prohibited to chase, drive, harass, kill, or attempt to kill any game animal or game bird to include coyotes.

# Sanborn County

Evan Meyer

**Fishing Report:** Fishing activity has been slow.

**Hunting Report:** There are plenty of coyotes out there. Just keep in mind that it is illegal to use snowmobiles to hunt coyotes.

# Turner County

Brian Humphrey

**Fishing Report:** No activity because of poor ice conditions.

**Hunting:** Coyote hunters doing well with the snow cover.

# Union County

Tony Stokely / Nate Stukel

**Fishing Report:**

**Missouri River:** No activity.

**Big Sioux River:** No activity.

**McCook Lake:** No activity. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Hunting Report:** Trapping activity has been minimizing with melting snow.

# Yankton County

Dan Altman

**Fishing Report:** Use caution on all lakes.

**Marindahl:** Limited fish pressure. **Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: Minimum Length 15"**

**Lewis and Clark:** Ice conditions vary. Anglers fishing close to Lewis and Clark Lake are picking up occasional walleye and smallmouth bass. Use caution near the shorelines when operating ATV's and watch for ice heaves.

**James River:** No activity.

**Lake Yankton:** Lake Yankton was chemically renovated in fall 2014 to eliminate invasive fish species. It has been restocked but it may be 1-3 years before good fishing returns.

**Missouri River:** No activity.

**Hunting Report:** Very little activity.